[31st October 1931

Unauthorized use of the titles of Vidwan and Siromani in Northern Circars.

* 365 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware of the fact that some people in the Northern Circars who have not passed the Government Public Examinations of Vidwan and Siromani are freely adding those titles to their names; and

(*b*) whether the Government propose to take any action to stop this malpractice?

A.—(*a*) The Government do not conduct any such examinations; nor are they aware of the existence of the practice referred to.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Excise

Report regarding illicit manufacture and sale of liquor.

* 366 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether in the case of illicit manufacture and sale of liquor the report about such illicit manufacture or sale is to be made to the Circle Inspector of Excise; and

(*b*) whether instances have been reported to the Government in which Excise officials tried to suppress such reports?

A.—(*a*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to section 38 of the Madras Abkari Act, 1886.

(*b*) A petition of May 1930 has been traced in which it was stated that Excise officers did not take due notice of reports regarding illicit sale of liquor and that they were countenancing adulteration and other irregularities. Enquiry showed that the allegations were not true.

Location of a liquor shop in Old Jalarpet, Temple Ward, Vizagapatam.

* 367 *Q.*—Pandit Ganala Ramamurti: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representations have been made to him regarding the location of a liquor shop in Old Jalarpet, Temple Ward, Vizagapatam;

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any steps to remove the said shop; and

(*c*) if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The answer is in the negative.

(*c*) Does not arise.